# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION No. 12-md-2323 (AB)

MDL No. 2323

\_\_\_\_\_

## THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint and (if applicable) <u>Jean-Gilles, et., al. v. National Football</u> <u>League [et al.], No. 13-cv-02109 (E.D. Pa.)</u>

### SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION

TROY ADAM DRAKE and TRACI
DRAKE

, his wife

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

## **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), **TROY ADAM DRAKE**, (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) **TRACI DRAKE**, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this short form complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

4.	[Fill in if applicable] Pl	aintiff is filing this case in	a representative capacity as the		
	of	, ha	ving been duly appointed as the		
	by the	Court of	(Cross out		
sentence bel	ow if not applicable.) Cop	pies of the Letters of Admi	nistration/Letters Testamentary		
for a wrongful death claim are annexed hereto if such Letters are required for the commencement					
of such a cl	aim by the Probate, Surro	egate or other appropriate	court of the jurisdiction of the		
decedent.					

- 5. Plaintiff, **TROY ADAM DRAKE** is a resident and citizen of **Virginia** and claims damages as set forth below.
- 6. [Fill in if applicable] Plaintiff's spouse, **TRACI DRAKE**, is a resident and citizen of **Virginia** and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband/decedent.
- 7. On information and belief, the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, Plaintiff suffers (or decedent suffered) from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, the Plaintiff's (or decedent's) symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in the **United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida**. If the case is

remanded, it should be remanded to **United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida**.

9.	Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:		
	✓ Injury to Herself/Himself		
	Injury to the Person Represented		
	Wrongful Death		
	Survivorship Action		
	✓ Economic Loss		
	Loss of Services		
	Loss of Consortium		
10.	[Fill in if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband <b>TROY ADAN</b>		
DRAKE, Pl	aintiff's Spouse, TRACI DRAKE, suffers from a loss of consortium, including th		
following in	juries:		
✓ los	ss of marital services;		
<u></u> ✓ lo	oss of companionship, affection or society;		
<u></u> ✓ lo	oss of support; and		
<u>✓</u> mo	$\underline{\checkmark}$ monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to expend for the health		
care and personal care of her husband.			

11. [Check if applicable] \_\_\_\_ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) reserve(s) the right to object to federal jurisdiction.

<u>DEFENDANTS</u>				
12.	Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the			
following De	fendant	s in this action [check all that apply]:		
	<u>✓</u>	National Football League		
	<u>✓</u>	NFL Properties, LLC		
	_	Riddell, Inc.		
		All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.)		
	_	Riddell Sports Group, Inc.		
		Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.		
		Easton-Bell Sports, LLC		
	_	EB Sports Corporation		
	_	RBG Holdings Corporation		
13.	[Chec	k where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above,		
the claims ass	<del>serted a</del>	re:design defect; informational defect; manufacturing defect.		
14.	[Chec	k if applicable] The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets		
designed and	<del>/or man</del>	ufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or		
<del>decedent) pla</del>	<del>yed in t</del>	he NFL and/or AFL.		

15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable] ✓ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] \_\_\_ the American Football League ("AFL") during 1995 to 1998 for the following teams: Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles.

# **CAUSES OF ACTION**

- 16. Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by reference in those Counts [check all that apply]: ✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL))

  - ✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring (Against the NFL))
  - Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions (Against the NFL))
  - <u>✓</u> Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count V (Fraud (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the NFL))
  - Count VII (Negligence Pre-1968 (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 (Against the NFL))
  - Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 (Against the NFL))
  - <u>✓</u> Count X (Negligence Post-1994 (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count XI (Loss of Consortium (Against the NFL and Riddell Defendants))

	<u>✓</u>	Count XII (Negligent Hiring (Against the NFL))			
	<u>✓</u>	Count XIII (Negligent Retention (Against the NFL))			
	_	Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))			
	_	Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))			
	_	Count XVI (Failure to Warn (Against the Riddell Defendants))			
	_	Count XVII (Negligence (Against the Riddell Defendants))			
	<u>✓</u>	Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment (Against All-the NFL Defendants))			
17.	Plain	tiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or attach]:			
The Loss of Consortium Claim is being asserted against the NFL and NFL Properties.					

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

## **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

DATED: this  $8^{th}$  day of May, 2013.

### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

### PODHURST ORSECK, P.A.

25 West Flagler Street, Suite 800

Miami, FL 33130

Telephone: (305) 358-2800

Fax: (305) 358-2382

By: <u>/s/ Steven C. Marks</u>

STEVEN C. MARKS Fla. Bar. No. 516414

Email: <a href="mailto:smarks@podhurst.com">smarks@podhurst.com</a>

/s/ Stephen F. Rosenthal

STEPHEN F. ROSENTHAL

Fla. Bar No. 0131458

Email: <a href="mailto:srosenthal@podhurst.com">srosenthal@podhurst.com</a>

/s/ Ricardo M. Martinez-Cid

RICARDO M. MARTÍNEZ-CID

Fla. Bar No. 383988

Email: rmcid@podhurst.com

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)